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OTR Comments on Operational Development Requirement - Mechanical Translation and Photo-Composition

REFERENCE: Memo for Executive Group, DD/P Material Bd., dtd 18 Aug 56, from Acting Chairman, Special Equipment & Techniques Working Group, subject as above.

1. The priority list seems accurate enough in terms of the translation requirements of the Agency.

2. However, the present work in Mechanical Translation is aimed at languages which have alphabetic systems, e.g., Russian, German, French, etc. With those languages such as Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, etc., where the writing system is completely non-representational or only partly so, the question of pre-editing is perhaps raised in addition to post-editing. The requirement for performance on page 3, paragraph 4. c. (4) in subject document is unrealistic for such languages without pre-editing or trained operators.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING:

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